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**JUSTICE THOMAS L. KILBRIDE TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW
ATTORNEYS**

Supreme Court of Illinois Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will preside and administer the attorney's oath when 33 new lawyers are admitted to practice in ceremonies in Rock Island on Thursday, May 8.

The group is among 661 men and women who were certified as candidates and will be sworn in as Illinois attorneys at ceremonies in the state's five Supreme Court judicial districts.

The Rock Island program in the Third Judicial District will begin at 11 a.m. in the main courtroom of the United States Federal Courthouse, 211 19th Street in Rock Island.

Justice Kilbride, along with Rock Island Mayor Mark Schweibert, will welcome the members of the class and their families and friends.

Ole Bly Pace III, second vice-president of the Illinois State Bar Association, will be the main speaker for the ceremony.

East Moline attorney Graham Lee will make the motion to admit the class. His son, Clayton Robert, is a member of the class.

Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: Third District Appellate Court Justices Tobias Barry, Mary W. McDade and Daniel Schmidt; Circuit Judges Mark VandeWiele and James Conway, Jr. from the 14th Judicial Circuit; plus Associate Judges Thomas Berglund and Alan Blackwood from the 14th Judicial Circuit.

A reception will follow.

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All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination and an ethics examination; and were certified by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to nearly 78,000.

Media coverage is invited.

The Third Judicial District is made up of these counties: Will, Iroquois, Kankakee, Grundy, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam, Bureau, Whiteside, Henry, Stark, Peoria, Fulton, Knox, Whiteside, Rock Island, Mercer, Warren, Henderson, Hancock and McDonough.

Ceremonies in the other districts will be held in Chicago, Collinsville, Springfield and Elgin.

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